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ASUNCION 1562

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TAGS: SHUM, AR, PA
SUBJECT: POLITICAL PRISONER: AMILCAR SANTUCHO

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1. THE PARENTS OF AMILCAR SANTUCHO VISITED ASUNCION IN LATE MARCH-EARLY APRIL. THEY WERE SEEKING THE RELEASE OF THEIR SON AMILCAR WHO PARAGUAYAN AUTHORITIES HAVE KEPT IN DETENTION SINCE MAY 1975. FOR MORE THAN ONE YEAR THE GOP HAS RECOGNIZED HIS UN-CONFERRED REFUGEE STATUS BUT HAS REFUSED TO RELEASE HIM FOR TRAVEL TO SWEDEN, THE COUNTRY WHICH HAS AGREED TO RECEIVE HIM. THIS GOP RELUCTANCE MAY BE BASED ON SANTUCHO'S ALLEGED CONNECTIONS WITH THE ARGENTINE ERP TERRORIST ORGANIZATION.

2. SANTUCHO'S PARENTS MET WITH INTERIOR MINISTER MONTANARO, WHO GAVE THEM A COLD RECEPTION, PARAGUAYAN HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS, THE UN DYRESREP, AND WITH THE REPRESENTATIVES OF SEVERAL DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS, INCLUDING AMBASSADOR WHITE. THE AMBASSADOR AGREED TO RAISE THE QUESTION OF SANTUCHO'S DEPARTURE WITH GOP OFFICIALS INFORMALLY AT AN OPPORTUNE MOMENT.

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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director
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